

In the Specification

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Figure 1 shows a magnified view of a portion of a game ball 10 made according to the present invention. The game ball 10 comprises an inner layer of air bladder material 12 which is commonly made of a highly durable, stretchable inflatable material such as butyl rubber or a polyurethane material. It will be understood that any material which possesses properties and performance qualities similar to butyl rubber or polyurethane may be used as the material of the air bladder. Disposed directly over the air bladder material 12 is the lining 14. The lining is employed in the structure of the game ball to help the ball retain the proper shape and to provide additional strength and mechanical reinforcement to the cover material 16. Significant amounts of stress and strain are imposed on the cover by the forces generated by the inflated bladder. In addition, further stress is applied to the ball through the normal action of kicking, bouncing and general rough handling that a ball receives while in play.